

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace the claims of record with the following full set of claims:

1. (Currently amended) An electrowetting module comprising:

a cavity, containing at least a first body of a first fluid and a second body of a second fluid, the first and second fluid ~~two~~ bodies being separated by ~~[[an]]~~ a meniscus-shaped interface, said first fluid being electrically conducting and the second fluid being electrically non-conducting and including a compound having a higher molecular weight than said first fluid, said compound containing symmetric molecules and having a zero dipole moment, wherein a density of said second fluid including said compound of higher molecular weight is substantially similar to a density of said first fluid; and

means for exerting ~~[[a]]~~ an electrical force on at least one of the ~~two fluids~~ bodies to change at least one of the position and ~~[[/or]]~~ the shape of the interface, ~~characterised in that at least one of the fluids comprises a liquid, the liquid comprising a compound containing molecules having a zero dipole moment in the liquid phase.~~

2. (Cancelled).

3. (original) A module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound is at least one of an organic compound, an organometallic compound, a germanium-based compound and a silicon-based compound, being symmetrically substituted.

4. (Previously presented) A module as claimed in claim 3, wherein the symmetric,

organic compound contains 1 or 2 carbon atoms and is preferably selected from the group consisting of CS₂, CSe₂, CCl₄, CBr₄ and C(Cl)₂ = C(Cl)₂, C(Br)₂ = C(Br)₂.

5. (original) A module as claimed in claim 3, wherein the symmetric organic compound is an aromatic compound, being fused or not, and being substituted or not with at least two equal, electronegative residues.

6. (Previously presented) A module as claimed in claim 5, wherein said aromatic compound is substituted with residues, selected from a C1-C5 alkyl, or a halide residue.

7. (previously presented) A module as claimed in claim 5, wherein said aromatic compound is selected from the group consisting of benzene, naphthalene, p-xylene, mesitylene, durene, mellitene, p-terphenyl, biphenyl, 1,4-dichlorobenzene and 1,4-dibromobenzene, 1,3,5-trichlorobenzene, 1,3,5-tribromobenzene, 1,2,4,5-tetrachlorobenzene, 1,2,4,5-tetrabromobenzene, hexachlorobenzene, hexabromobenzene, preferably p-xylene, mesitylene and 1,3,5-trichlorobenzene.

8. (Previously presented) A module as claimed in claim 3, wherein said organometallic compound is a stannic compound.

9. (Currently amended) A module as claimed in claim 1, ~~configured as an optical component, wherein~~ the first and said second fluids have fluid body having different refractive indices, wherein the compound added to the liquid has a refractive index

difference increasing effect.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently amended) A module as claimed in claim 9, wherein the difference in refractive index is from 0.05 to 0.3; the refractive index of said second fluid, ~~non-conducting body, which comprises a liquid comprising a compound containing symmetric molecules and having zero dipole moment in the liquid phase~~, being larger than 1.4.

12. (cancelled)

13. (Currently amended) A module as claimed in claim ~~[[12]]~~ 1, wherein the second fluid ~~body comprises a liquid, comprising a compound containing symmetric molecules and having zero dipole moment in the liquid phase, and~~ having a density larger than 1.0 g/cm³.